

## Decision Note – PRECEPT 2021/22



### REQUEST FOR DECISION BY THE STAFFORDSHIRE COMMISSIONER

	Policing:	Crime:	Fire & Rescue:
This decision relates to:	X	X	X

#### APPROVAL (for completion by Staffordshire Commissioner only)

Rationale for approval

STAFFORDSHIRE COMMISSIONER

Signature

Date 28/04/2021

Date decision required by: 26 February 2021


If an urgent approval is required, please state reasons:

**For completion by Staffordshire Commissioner's Office only:-**

Decision Number: SCPF/D/202122/001

Date Received: 28 April 2021

	Yes	No
Has the required decision been considered under the guidance of the Staffordshire Commissioner's Decision Making Policy?	X	
Has the required decision been deemed to be a Key Decision as defined within the Staffordshire Commissioner's Decision Making Policy?	X	
Who is empowered to make the required decision?		
The Staffordshire Commissioner		

Title	Precept (Council Tax) levels for 2021/22 and Commissioner's Budget
<b>Summary:</b> <p>The Commissioner is required to set the precept for Police and Crime, and Fire and Rescue before the start of the new financial year to the timetable set by the relevant legislation and regulations. In doing so he puts forward proposals to the Police Fire and Crime Panel which they are required to consider, and either support or not.</p> <p>The Police Fire and Crime Panel registered their support for the Police and Crime precept on 1st February 2021 and for the Fire and Rescue precept on 15<sup>th</sup> February. They wrote to the Staffordshire Commissioner in support of the Policing and the Fire Precept increases. The Commissioner wrote back on both occasions noting the comments made by the Panel. The challenging financial position and the uncertainty around future funding that exists currently was recognised by the Panel.</p>	
<b>Recommendation:</b> <p><b>That the Police and Crime precept is set as £238.57 for a Band D property from 1 April 2021.</b></p> <p><b>That the Fire and Rescue precept is set as £78.78 for a Band D property from 1 April 2021.</b></p>	
<b>Chief Executive</b> <p>I hereby approve the recommendation for consideration.</p>	
Signature: 	Date 28/04/2021

# REPORT AND ADVICE TO THE STAFFORDSHIRE COMMISSIONER

## 1. Introduction and background

It is a legal requirement to set the precept in good time to issue council tax leaflets and bills for the forthcoming financial year, and in doing so to fully consider the needs and demands being placed on services and the totality of the funding available with which to provide them.

The precept has been set as follows:

	Fire and Rescue £000	Police and Crime £000
Net Budget requirement	41,977	222,051
Less: Central Government Funding	(14,571)	(139,054)
Collection Fund Deficit	67	200
Council Tax Requirement	27,473	83,197
Taxbase	348,733	
Band D Council Tax	£78.78	£238.57

## 2. Issues for consideration

The issues are all explored in the documents which were laid before the Police Fire and Crime Panel on the 1<sup>st</sup> February and 15<sup>th</sup> February. See link to papers in background/supporting paper section 6 below.

## 3. What other options have been considered?

## 4. Consultation and Engagement undertaken

A budget consultation was undertaken with Staffordshire residents, the results are included within the budget papers.

## Report Implications

### Monitoring Officer comments:

Signature



Date 28/04/2021

**Section 151 Officer comments:**

In overall terms when considering the degree of review and scrutiny that has already taken place and the mitigating actions and controls referred to within the budget report for 2021/22, which also includes the overall reserves position and capital strategy, the Section 151 Officer, has given the reassurances required under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 can be given.

Signature  Date 28/04/2021 (for Policing and Crime)

Signature  Date 28/04/2021 (for Fire and Rescue)

	Yes	No
Has legal advice (outside of that provided by the Monitoring Officer) been sought on the content of this report?		N/A

**Legal Comments:****5. Equality Comments****6. Background/supporting paper**

[Agenda for Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel on Monday 1st February 2021, 2.00 pm - Staffordshire County Council](#)

[Agenda for Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel on Monday 15th February 2021, 2.00 pm - Staffordshire County Council](#)

**7. Public access to information**

Full


**8. Data Protection Impact Assessment – please attach the completed DIA****9. Is the publication of this form to be deferred?**

No

**10. If the report is for publication, is redaction required?**

	Yes	No
Of the Decision Note?		X
Of the Appendix?		N/A

**ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:**

<b>Author</b>	<b>David Greensmith</b>
<b>Signed</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>28 April 2021</b>